

INTRODUCTION TO ANCESTRY.COM

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A Little History of Ancestry

- Founded in 1983 (40th Anniversary)
- 27 billion digitized genealogy records organized into 33,000 collections
- 100 million family trees
- 13 billion profiles
- 23 million DNA kits in database
- Prices subject to change.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION		
Membership	Cost	Benefits
Registered guest	free (registration required)	Building family trees, using message boards, searching, accessing free records
US Discovery	\$24.99/month; \$99/six months	All of the above, plus access to premium records
World Explorer	\$39.99/month; \$149/six months	All of the above, plus access to international records
All-Access	\$49.99/month; \$199/six months	All of the above, plus access to Fold3 and Newspapers.com
AncestryDNA test	\$99/test (though frequently discounted)	Ethnicity estimates and DNA matches; integration with online family tree; downloadable raw data

Basic Links

- Home: www.ancestry.com
- Search: search.ancestry.com
- Support: support.ancestry.com
- AncestryDNA: www.ancestry.com/dna
- Ancestry Facebook Page: www.face.com/AncestryUS



SEARCHING BY KEYWORD

Add a birth year and/or place your ancestor might have lived to help distinguish him from others with the same name.

Enter whatever name information you have. Click the word Exact for a popup menu of options to restrict your search to "Exact" (to perform a search on just the characters you typed), "Exact and Sounds Like" (a search on names that sound similar) or "Exact and Similar" (a search on names with similar meanings or spellings). You can also search by initials (for first names) or Soundex matches (for last names).

Click Add Event to also search by a specific event: birth, marriage, death, "Lived In" (place of residence in, for example, census records), "Any Event" (all date fields in a record), etc. You can add as many as you like, though these will restrict your search results.

Click Exact to add a range of 0, 1, 2, 5 or 10 years.

Select a location from a dropdown of places, then click "Exact to" to filter records by different regions (exact place, county, state, etc.).

Click to add a mother, father, sibling, spouse and/or child who should appear with your target in the record you want. You can mark these fields as Exact to limit results even further.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following fields and options:

- First & Middle Name(s):** Elizabeth
- Last Name:** Teipel
- Search filters:** Exact, sounds like & similar; Exact & similar
- Place your ancestor might have lived:** City, County, State, Country
- Birth Year:** 1858; Exact +/-...
- Search:** Search button; Show fewer options ^; Match all terms exactly
- Add event:** Birth, Marriage, Death, Lived In, Any Event, More v
- Event details:** Birth; Year: 1858; Location: Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA; Exact +/-...; Exact to...
- Add family member:** Father, Mother, Sibling, Spouse, Child
- Family member details:** Spouse; First & Middle Name(s): Louis; Last Name: Thoss; Exact
- Keyword:** Occupation, street address, etc.
- Gender:** -- Select --
- Race/Nationality:** [Dropdown]
- Collection Focus:** All Collections

Click Exact to add a range of 0, 1, 2, 5 or 10 years.

Add event: Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event More ▾

Year Birth 1858 **Location** Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA X
 Exact +/-... Exact to...

Select a location from a dropdown of places, then click "Exact to" to filter records by different regions (exact place, county, state, etc.).

Add family member: Father Mother Sibling Spouse Child

First & Middle Name(s) Spouse Louis **Last Name** Thoss
 Exact Exact

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Gender
-- Select -- ▾

Race/Nationality

Narrow results by selecting a gender or entering a term such as *Black* or *French* in the Race/Nationality field.

Collection Focus
All Collections ▾

- Historical Records
- Stories & Publications
- Family Trees
- Photos & Maps

Adding a keyword related to your target (such as a military regiment or the name of the ship your ancestor traveled on) can help the right record rank higher in your search results. Check Exact to find only records with that keyword—but note this can exclude other potential matches.

Choose a country or ethnicity so records from related collections rank higher in your search results. Also check boxes for the types of results you want—Historical Records, Stories and Publications, Family Trees, or Photos and Maps.

Search Clear search

SEARCHING BY COLLECTION

USING THE CARD CATALOG

Search the Card Catalog if you're looking for a specific collection or type of record. Choose Card Catalog from the Search dropdown or go to <www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog>.

Search individual record collections to get a more manageable list of results.

Enter search terms in the Keyword(s) box unless you know the exact name of your collection.

Sort collections by collection title, date updated, date added or number of records.

The screenshot shows the 'Card Catalog' search page. On the left, there are search input fields for 'Title' and 'Keyword(s)', a 'Search' button, and a 'Filter By Collection' section with options like 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Military', and 'Immigration & Travel'. The main area displays a table of search results with columns for 'Title', 'Collection', 'Records', and 'Activity'. A 'Sort By' dropdown menu is set to 'Date Added'. Callouts point to the search input fields, the 'Sort By' menu, and the filter options.

Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Results 1-25 of 32,674

Sort By **Date Added** ▼

Title	Collection	Records	Activity
10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777-1834	Birth, Marriage & Death	19,659	NEW
10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850	Birth, Marriage & Death	18,876	NEW
Hautes-Alpes, France, Census, 1836 (in French)	Census & Voter Lists	114,367	NEW
Hautes-Alpes, France, Census, 1856 (in French)	Census & Voter Lists	145,740	NEW
Hautes-Alpes, France, Census, 1876 (in French)	Census & Voter Lists	78,405	NEW
Vienne, France, Census, 1896 (in French)	Census & Voter Lists	365,772	NEW
(in French)	Census & Voter Lists	107,598	NEW

Use filters to view results for a particular type of record ("Collection"), location or date.

BROWSING BY PLACE

Look for record collections based on place if you're not sure what record to search for, or if you want to see what's available for your ancestor's locale. Choose All Collections from the Search dropdown menu, or go to <www.ancestry.com/search>. Then scroll down to Explore by Location to view a clickable map of the United States, the United Kingdom and Ireland, Europe, Canada, or Australia and New Zealand.

The screenshot shows the 'Ohio' family history research page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Collections', 'History', and 'Resources'. Below this is a 'Data Collections' section with a table of records. To the right, there's a search box and a 'Select another state or region' dropdown menu. At the bottom right, there's a 'Narrow by region' section with a table of counties.

Ohio
Welcome to our Ohio family history research page. Here you'll find record collections, history, and genealogy resources to help you trace your Ohio ancestors.

[Collections](#) [History](#) [Resources](#)

Data Collections

Ohio Census & Voter Lists	
Ohio, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890	472,914
U.S. Federal Census - 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes	325,492
U.S. Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820	171,563
View other Census & Voter Lists collections related to Ohio. (27)	
Ohio Birth, Marriage & Death	
Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774-1993	18,873,749
Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973	13,086,969
Ohio, Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2007	8,266,980
Ohio, Birth Index, 1908-1964	8,222,073
Ohio, Marriage Abstracts, 1970, 1972-2007	6,777,856
View all Ohio Birth, Marriage & Death (26)	

Search for historical records of ancestors in Ohio.

Select another state or region

USA Ohio

Narrow by region

Select a region to view its unique collections.

Adams	1	Knox	6
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Callout boxes:

- State-related data collections are organized by category.
- Click History for state facts, featured collections and more.
- Under Resources, get details on census availability and link to the state archives, vital records office and other sites.
- Click a county to view collections associated with it.

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The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com page for Ohio. At the top, the word "Ohio" is displayed in a large, bold font. Below it is a welcome message: "Welcome to our Ohio family history research page. Here you'll find record collections, history, and genealogy resources to help you trace your Ohio ancestors." There are three tabs: "Collections" (underlined), "History", and "Resources".

On the left, under the heading "Data Collections", there are two sections of record lists:

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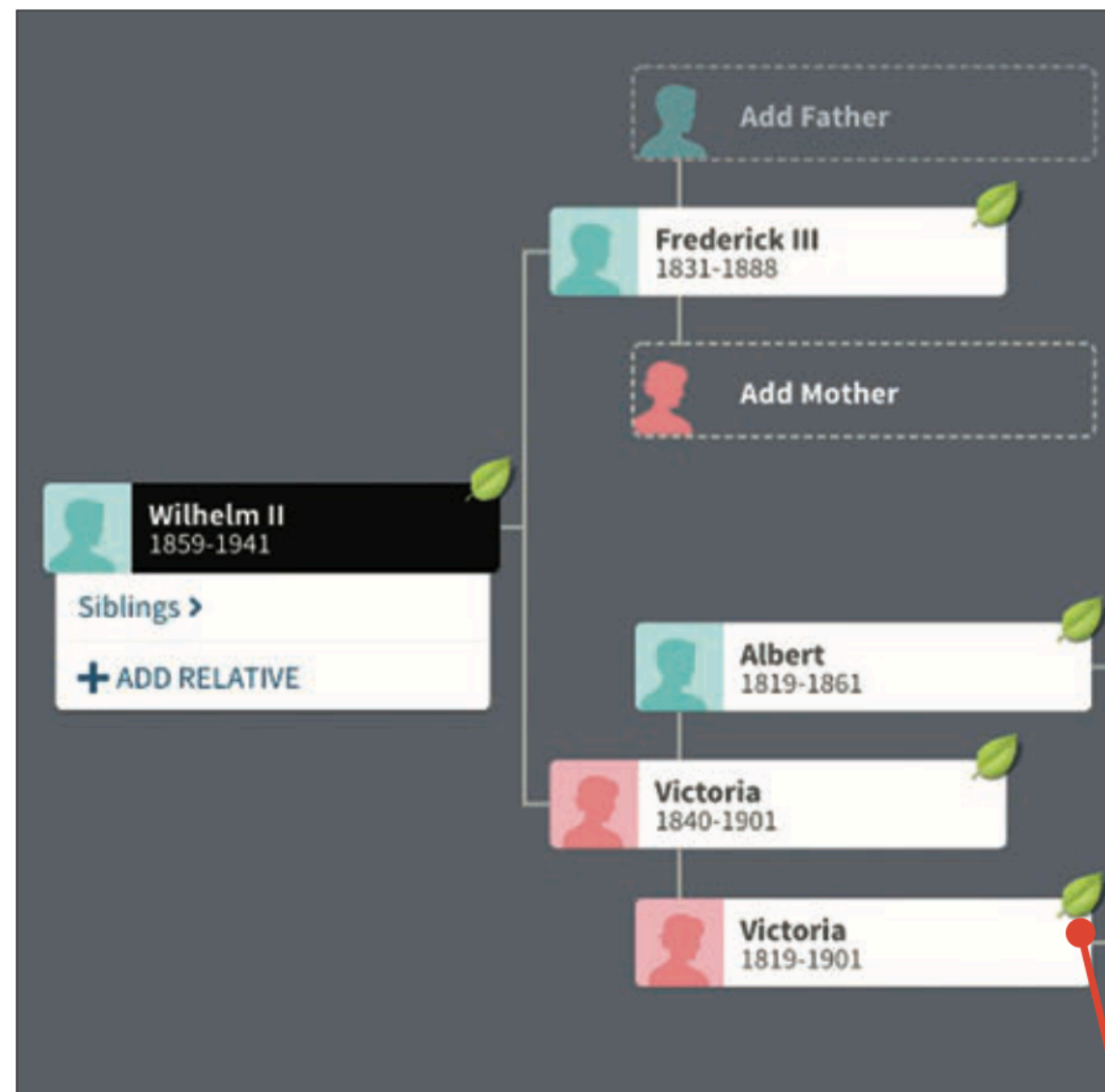
On the right side, there is a search box with the text "Search for historical records of your ancestors in Ohio." and a green "Search" button. Below the search box is a section titled "Select another state or region" with two dropdown menus: "USA" and "Ohio". At the bottom right, there is a section titled "Narrow by region" with the text "Select a region to view its unique collections." and two buttons: "Adams 1" and "Knox 6".

Four callout boxes provide additional information:

- A box on the left states: "State-related data collections are organized by category." with a red dot pointing to the "Data Collections" heading.
- A box in the center states: "Click History for state facts, featured collections and more." with a red dot pointing to the "History" tab.
- A box on the right states: "Under Resources, get details on census availability and link to the state archives, vital records office and other sites." with a red dot pointing to the "Resources" tab.
- A box at the bottom center states: "Click a county to view collections associated with it." with a red dot pointing to the "Adams 1" button.

In addition to its billions of records, Ancestry.com supports a robust online family tree feature that can help you track your research. Add Ancestry.com records directly to your tree, or upload your own facts and sources (including GEDCOM files). And with more than 100 million user-created family trees in Ancestry.com's database, you're sure to find your ancestors among other users' family trees—though (as with other published genealogy sources) you should always verify the information in other users' Member Trees before adding it to your own.

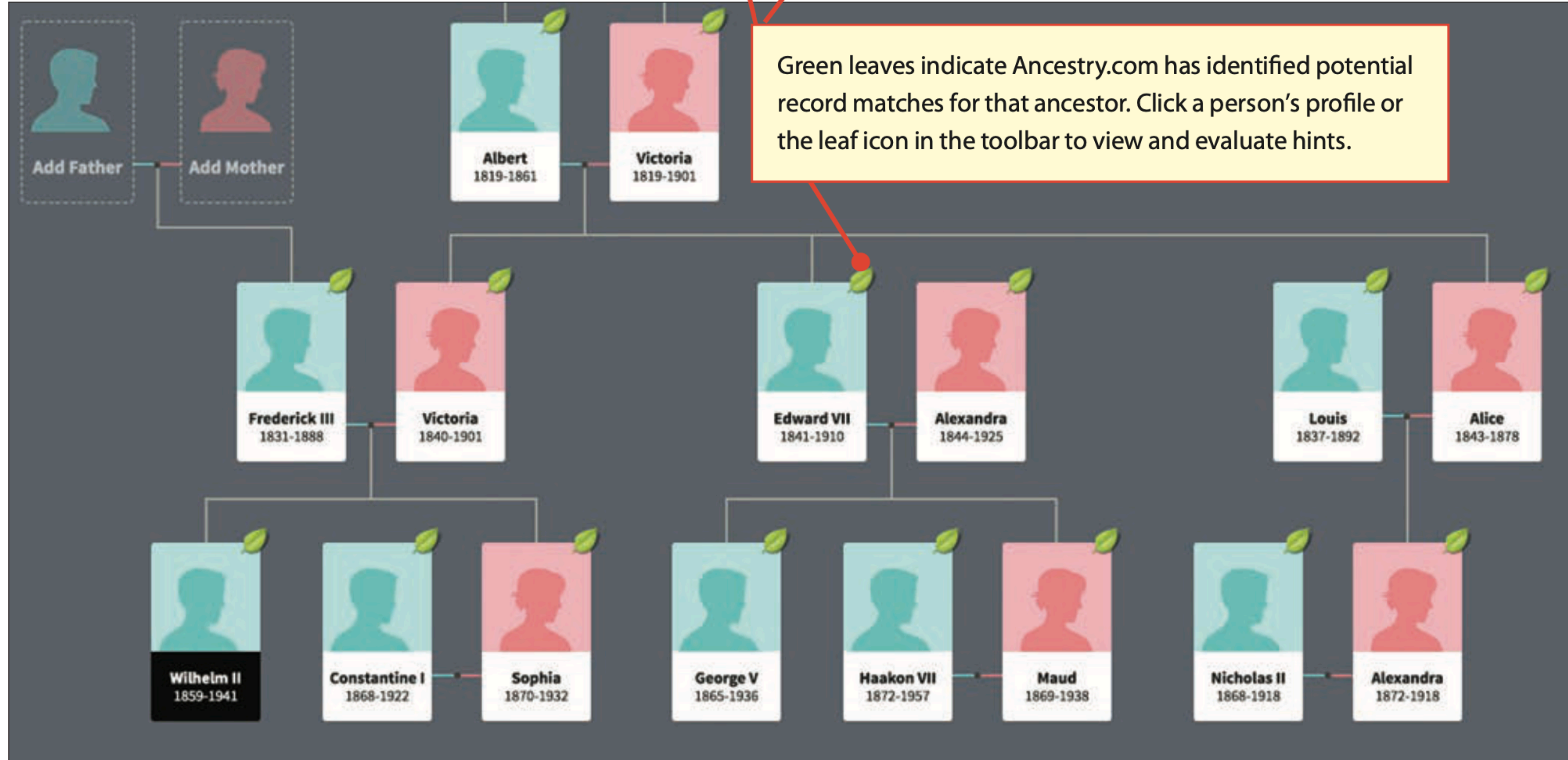
Ancestry.com's family trees sync directly with RootsMagic and Family Tree Maker software.



The **pedigree view** shows only a person's direct-line ancestors and children. While not comprehensive, this view allows you to view many generations at once.

The screenshot shows the 'Victoria' profile page on Ancestry.com. The profile includes a silhouette icon, the name 'Victoria', and birth/death dates (1840-1901). The 'Facts' section lists events: Birth (1840), Birth of Brother Edward VII (1841-1910) (1841), Birth of Sister Alice (1843-1878) (1843), and Birth of Son Wilhelm II (1859-1941) (1859). The 'Sources' section has a search bar and buttons for 'Add Source' and 'Add Web Link'. The 'Family' section lists 'Parents' (Albert 1819-1861, Victoria 1819-1901), 'Siblings', and 'Spouse & Children' (Frederick III 1831-1888, Wilhelm II 1859-1941, Sophia 1870-1932). A red line points from the 'Facts' section to the caption below.

The Facts section of an individual's **family tree profile** includes a summary of his family relationships, major life events and source associated with both.



The **family view** shows all of a person's relatives, including siblings, aunts, uncles and brothers- or sisters-in-law. More comprehensive than the pedigree view, the family view allows you to see non-direct-line relatives—but fewer generations.

Online Articles and Tutorials

- **Ancestry on YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/ancestrycom>
- **How to Search on Ancestry:** <https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/ancestry-help/ancestry-search-tips/>
- **48 Ancestry Search Tips:** <https://familytreemagazine.com/freebie/free-ancestry-search-tips/>



Barefoot Genealogist —Crista Cowan

- What's New In Ancestry 2023: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYY8tKM_zfA
- What's New In Ancestry 2022: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdCxbyM2bQQ>
- StoryMakerStudio (New): https://www.ancestry.com/c/product/storymaker?o_xid=126951&o_lid=126951&o_sch=Email+Campaigns&utm_medium=email&utm_source=campaign&utm_campaign=2023_Rootstech
- Barefoot Genealogist (Ancestry And More): <https://www.cristacowan.com/>



Troubleshooting in Ancestry

- **Get the Most Out of Your Ancestry Subscription:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrcYLCsR4fU>
- **Correcting Relationships Ancestry:** <https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Fixing-Relationships-in-Trees>
- **Is Ancestry Missing a Record You Know Should Be There:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSKYepBBd48>
- **Fixing a Record:** <https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Correcting-a-Record>
- **Fixing a Record on Ancestry:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Rb_voHicCwY
- **Cleaning Up A Family Tree:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtUVLyPKMF0>
- **Keeping Our Records Safe:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-hjW32rrSA>

What You'll Learn in the Census, Year by Year

Questions Asked	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
Personal Information															
Name of family head only	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Headcount by age, gender, ...	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Names of all individuals							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sex							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Color							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Place of birth							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Year of birth											x				
Month of birth											x				
Relationship to family head										x	x	x	x	x	x
Marital status										x	x	x	x	x	x
Married that year							x	x	x	x	x				
No. of years present marriage											x	x			
Age at first marriage														x	
Mother how many children											x	x			
Number of children living											x	x			
Father's birthplace										x	x	x	x	x	
Mother's birthplace										x	x	x	x	x	
Deaf, blind, insane, idiotic, ...							x	x	x	x		x			
Real estate value							x	x	x						
Personal estate value								x	x						
Male citizen over 21 years									x						
Male over 21 denied vote									x						
Residency															
Visitation number of dwelling							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Visitation number of family							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Street name in city										x	x	x	x	x	x
House number in city										x	x	x	x	x	x
House owned or rented											x	x	x	x	x
Value of home if owned														x	x
Monthly rental if renting														x	x
House free or mortgaged											x	x	x		
Farm or house / Lived on farm											x	x		x	x
Residence 5 years earlier															x

Photos and Documents in Ancestry

- **Uploading Photos and Documents in Ancestry:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jDo9fi7EGI>
- **Uploading and Editing Photos on the Ancestry App:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSKYepBBd48>
- **Properly Uploading a Photo to Ancestry Keeping the Original Source Attribution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jDo9fi7EGI>
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